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**PAYMENT OF LARGE ENTITY FEES DUE TO PTO ERRORS
IN CHARGING SMALL ENTITY FEES DURING PROSECUTION**

Dear Sir:

The patentee recently realized that the United States Patent and Trademark Office erred in charging the patentee small entity fees during the prosecution of the above-identified patent. Patentee respectfully requests that Patentee's **Deposit Account No. 12-1185** be debited \$2,440 for payment of the deficiency owed. It is respectfully requested that any fault on the part of the patentee in the payment of the small entity fees, instead of large entity fees, be excused.

The deficiency owed has been calculated in accordance with 37 CFR Section 1.28(b)(2)(i). In particular, the deficiency owed has been calculated as follows:

(1) \$705 deficiency owed for the basic filing fee of \$385 paid on January 14, 2004

(current basic filing fee amount for small entity is \$165; current utility search fee

amount for small entity is \$270; current utility examination fee for small entity is \$110; all three current fees total \$545 for small entity and \$1090 for large entity). \$1090 for current large entity minus \$385 paid on January 14, 2004 amounts to a deficiency of \$705.

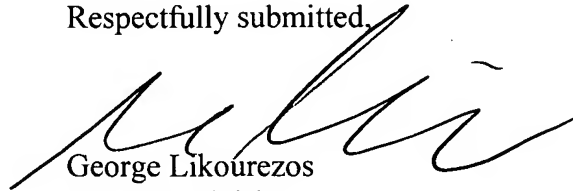
- (2) \$65 deficiency owed for the filing of the oath/declaration on September 21, 2004 (current oath/declaration filing fee for small entity is \$65).
- (3) \$635 deficiency owed for the filing of the three month extension of time for filing the oath/declaration on September 21, 2004 (current three month extension of time for small entity is \$1,110).
- (4) \$225 deficiency owed for the filing of three terminal disclaimers on April 6, 2005 (current terminal disclaimer fee for small entity is \$70).
- (5) \$810 deficiency owed for the issue fee/publication fee paid on September 26, 2005 (current issue fee for small entity is \$755).

The total for all deficiencies due is \$2,440 as noted above.

Please charge any deficiency as well as any other fee(s) which may be due, or credit any overpayment of such fee(s) to Deposit Account 12-1185.

If the Patent Office has any questions concerning this communication or feels that an interview would be helpful, the patentee's undersigned attorney can be called at (631) 501-5706.

Respectfully submitted,

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